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1. Educational institutions in North Korea include the following types:
  - a. People's school: This is the elementary school, usually serving 500 to 600 families. Several are located in each myon, the number being proportioned to the population.
  - b. Junior middle school: One or two are located in each myon and every mining area has its own.
  - c. Senior middle school: One or two are located in each county.
  - d. Junior colleges and universities exist in the cities.
  - e. Technical schools: These are located in factory or mining areas to train technicians for the local plants.
  - f. Primary school for adults: One such school is located in each village. It functions at night.
  - g. Middle school for adults: One such school is located in each myon. It functions at night, using the classrooms of the myon junior middle school.
2. School attendance is compulsory from the age of eight. From the middle schools up, however, admission is based on family status rather than on any individual ability. Children of North Korean Labor Party members are admitted without qualification. The night schools accept students of all ages.
3. Each myon KWP headquarters maintains a night school for party members, for which outstanding party workers in the villages are selected. The KMLP night school course, which requires a year, is principally concerned with Communist indoctrination.
4. Teachers are required to have the following qualifications:

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- a. People's school: graduation from a national primary school (under the Japanese regime) or from a teacher training course or from a NKLP night school. Regardless of qualifications, enthusiastic NKLP members among farmers and factory workers in the villages are selected for a three-month teacher training course, after which they are considered authorized teachers and are assigned to people's schools.
  - b. Middle school: graduation from a national primary school and supplementary work in the NKLP night school.
  - c. Primary school for adults: thorough knowledge of the Korean language.
5. People's school teachers receive a daily ration of five hap (a hap is 0.318 pint) of rice daily, plus a family ration allowance of 2.5 hap of rice and other grain. Salaries are about 1,000 North Korean won for teachers and about 1,300 North Korean won for principals. This is considered above the average middle-class salary.

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